

# The Politics of Giving in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Turkish Republic (1853-1950)

The Skilliter Centre for Ottoman Studies  
Newnham College, Cambridge

10 - 13 July 2024



# Wednesday 10 July

14.00-18.00 Registration

# Thursday 11 July

## 10.00-11.30 Panel I : Society and Philanthropy

Chair: Kate Fleet (University of Cambridge)

Efi Kanner (University of Athens), *Ottoman Society as an Extended Family: Philanthropy, Respectability and the Emergence of the Public Sphere in the Late Ottoman Empire.*

Gabriel Doyle (Aix-Marseille Université), *The Materiality of Giving: Gardens, Donations and the Transformation of Ottoman Istanbul.*

Canan Bolel (University of Washington), *Navigating the Waves of Anarchy: Apathy among the Jewish Community of Istanbul and the Dynamics of Philanthropy in the 1930s.*

## 11.30-12.00 Coffee

## 12.00-13.00 Panel II : Philanthropy in Times of Conflict

Chair: Ebru Boyar (Middle East Technical University, Ankara)

Milena Methodieva (University of Toronto), *Politics, Benevolence, and Patriotism: Refugee Support in the Late Ottoman Empire.*

Münevver Hatipoğlu (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul), *Donating in Times of Crisis: İane Practices During the Cretan Revolt (1866-1869) and the Balkan Crisis (1876-1878).*

## 14.30-15.30 Panel III : Organising Philanthropy

Chair: Milena Methodieva (University of Toronto)

Ceyda Karamürsel (SOAS, University of London), *Eunuchs' Mutual Aid Society: Race, Kinlessness, and the Politics of Giving after the Empire.*

Yücel Yanıkdağ (University of Richmond), *Benefactors Behind Barbed Wire: Ottoman Prisoners of War and the Greek Invasion of Anatolia, 1919-1922.*

**15.30-16.00 Coffee**

**16.00-17.00 Panel IV : Philanthropic Women**

Chair: Amy Singer (Brandeis University)

Sena Hatip Dinçyürek (Orient-Institut Istanbul), *The Benevolent Ladies in the Ottoman Empire: the Recipients of the Order of Mercy (Şefkat Nişâni) (1878-1918)*.

Elif Yumru (University of Cambridge), *Beyond Charity: Unveiling the Political Dimensions of Ottoman Women's Philanthropy in the Aftermath of the Young Turk Revolution*.

## **Friday 12 July**

**10.00-11.00 Panel V : Children and Charity**

Chair: Amy Singer (Brandeis University)

Nazan Çiçek (Ankara University), *Caring for Children through the Social Aid Branches of the People's Houses: Shoes, Lunches and Circumcision Ceremonies (1933-1946)*.

Mesadet Maria Sözmen (University of California, Santa Barbara), *Nurturing the Future: Intellectual Philanthropy and Charity Projects for Street Children in Early Cold War Turkey*.

**11.00-11.30 Coffee**

**11.30-12.30 Panel VI : Charitable Entertainment**

Chair: Ceyda Karamürsel (SOAS, University of London)

Gábor Fodor (HUN-REN Research Centre for the Humanities, Institute of History, Budapest), *Giving by Music: Hungarian Charity Concerts in Constantinople during the First World War*.

Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal (Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Naples), *Occupation and Resilience: Charitable Entertainments in Occupied Istanbul, 1918-1923*.

**Free afternoon**

# Saturday 13 July

## 10.00-11.00 Panel VII : Propaganda and Philanthropy

Chair: Nazan Çiçek (Ankara University)

Kate Fleet (University of Cambridge), *The British and the Balkans: British Relief Work in Istanbul 1912-1913*.

Ebru Boyar (Middle East Technical University, Ankara), *British Humanitarian Propaganda in Turkey: the Anglo-Turkish Relief Society and the 1939 Erzincan Earthquake*.

## 11.00-11.30 Coffee

## 11.30-13.00 Panel VIII : Gifts and Diplomacy

Chair: Yücel Yanıkdağ (University of Richmond)

Onur Engin (University of Cambridge), *Sonic Glorification: Cannons as Diplomatic Objects of Gift-Giving in the Ottoman Empire*.

Mehmet Doğar (University of Cambridge), *Turkish Fields, Italian Wheels: Mussolini's Gift of a Tractor to Mustafa Kemal in 1929*.

Eve Lacey (University of Cambridge), *"Since Generous Things Prosper": British Council Gifts to Turkey 1940-1946*.

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